



“Jesus Denied by Peter”

Luke 22:54-62

February 7, 2021

Questions for Application and Fellowship

MY STORY

1. This morning’s message focused on Peter’s denial of knowing Jesus. Have you ever denied being a Christian? Or has there ever been a time when God was prompting you to speak of Jesus, but you remained silent? What happened?

QUICK REVIEW

It’s now hours before the crucifixion of Jesus. The Jewish authorities are advancing their plans to have Him executed. After a time of intense prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, the Lord has been arrested and His disciples have scattered, but one of them turns back.

Luke now sets our attention on one of the twelve, Simon Peter. He earlier proclaimed his willingness to follow Christ to prison or death. Now we see how Peter fell short of his claim. This provides a warning against trying to follow Christ in our own strength. Even still, we are reminded of the grace of Jesus to use our failures to form our character.

Read Luke 22:54-62

1. The _____ of the Denials (54-55)
2. The _____ of the Denials (56-60)
3. The _____ of the Denials (61-62)
4. The _____ of the Denials

Was any point in this weekend’s message particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Reflecting on Luke 22:33-34 & 61, we see that Jesus knew Peter would deny him. He even knew ahead of time how many times it would happen. Read Psalm 139:1-6 where David expressed his awareness of God's similar knowledge of him. What was David's reaction to God's total knowledge of His life? What is yours?
2. Read I Corinthians 10:11-13. How are verses 11-12 clearly illustrated by this moment of Peter's life? On the other hand, how do we reconcile verse 13 with the story of Peter's denials? (Perhaps Luke 22:46 provides a clue.) Reflect on how these things are relevant to your life.
3. List some ways that you might be tempted this week to deny knowing Christ as Lord. What would faithfulness look like in those scenarios? What kind of help do you need for faithfulness?
4. Read Psalm 147:1-7. What relevance does this Psalm (especially verse 3) have to what we see in Luke 22:62? Have you ever experienced brokenness that runs this deep?
5. Read Galatians 6:1-5. Was this hour of denial and brokenness the end for Simon Peter? How did these verses in Galatians play out in the remainder of Simon Peter's life? How do they shape our approach to failure within the church? Can you think of any pictures of restoration that have encouraged you?